

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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SAFETY OF FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the safety of the forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount sanctioned for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b) Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS), a centrally sponsored scheme was launched during the 10th plan for protection of existing forests. The financial assistance is made available on sharing basis for forest fire control and management, strengthening of infrastructure, preparation of working plans and other protection related measures.

(c) During 10th five year plan a sum of Rs. 204.57 crores was released to States/UTs. In the first year of 11th Plan i.e. Year 2007 – 08, a sum of Rs. 62.54 crores was released as on 15/2/2008.